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A shining evening

Lauren Margison belts out *Where Are You, Christmas?* at the inaugural Glitter party, part of the Minden Hills Festival of Trees on Nov. 22 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The evening including excerpts from the Highlands Opera Theatre, a silent auction, raffles and more. The cocktail reception was in support of Festival of Trees, a fundraiser for the cultural centre. More on page 5. **Angelica Blenich** Staff

Film crews could be coming to Dorset Tower

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 20 meeting of Algonquin Highlands.

The Dorset Tower could be the next star of a major motion picture.

Algonquin Highlands Parks, Recreation and Trails manager Dave Drobitch told councillors he had been approached by Vancouver-based film producer Amy Bellini, who is interested in using the tower in a full-length movie titled *Wisteria*.

Classified as a thriller, the movie is scheduled to start production during the summer of 2015, Drobitch wrote in his report to council.

The manager thought the film shoot would be a great opportunity for the tower and the municipality overall.

"In my experience any film is good publicity," he said.

Seeking approval from council before moving forward, Drobitch said the producer originally contacted Ontario Parks, who have a film location program, seeking a tower site location for the film.

"John Etches, OP [Ontario Parks] Senior Marketing Specialist, contacted PRT

[Parks, Recreation and Trails] staff and recommended the Dorset site to the producer because of the inaccessibility and condition of OP sites, including the Frost Centre tower," wrote Drobitch in his report to council. "Mr. Etches offered that film location use of any sort has been a boon to Ontario Parks in terms of tourism, revenue and notoriety, and suggested a similar benefit to Dorset should the site be selected."

Reeve Carol Moffatt pointed to potential liability issues as a concern for the municipality and suggested working with a local production company to see what the township would require to protect themselves.

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Province responds to Scott request

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Premier Kathleen Wynne is responding to a request from MPP Laurie Scott to form a committee to deal with sexual harassment in Ontario workplaces, although it's not exactly the response the representative for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock was looking for.

"She's politicizing it," Scott told the *Times* on Nov. 24, the same day Wynne released a letter to leaders of the PC and NDP parties.

Scott, who is the Progressive Conservative party's women's issues critic, made a request in the legislature on Nov. 3 that an all-party committee be struck to review and improve legislation on sexual harassment in Ontario workplaces.

Scott made the request in the wake of the scandal surrounding disgraced CBC broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi and since other allegations of sexual misconduct by high-profile individuals have surfaced.

"I have valued the opportunity that recent events have provided to shed light on this important issue on the floor of the legislature and I appreciate the spirit of non-partisanship that has informed the call for a select committee made by MPP Laurie Scott," Wynne's letter reads. "I know that this issue has already been the subject of some conversation between our respective house leaders and I wanted to take this opportunity to share my thoughts with each of you."

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Wynne made committee political, Scott says

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Scott said it was Wynne's intent to put the issue to a standing legislative committee.

"Legislative committees are dominated by the Liberals," Scott said, emphasizing an important part of her request was that a select committee be created with equal membership from each party. "So, she's made it political. This is a serious issue that is non-political. I have been apolitical on this."

Indeed, a Nov. 24 letter from Liberal house leader Yasir Naqvi to his counterparts suggests the matter be handled by a standing committee of the legislature.

"Secondly, a committee best suited to conduct this work could be a standing committee of the legislature, one that is given all of the same powers as a select committee," Naqvi wrote. "Thirdly, as your parties have always maintained and agreed to as recently as July, committees of the legislature are to reflect the proportion of the recognized parties in the house - reflecting the will of the people of Ontario. For these reasons and others, the Liberal caucus will support MPP Scott's motion in principle, recognizing that we have more work to do to ensure we get this right."

Scott had filed an Opposition Day motion to be debated on Wednesday, Nov. 26 for the creation of a select committee.

"Then [Wynne] comes out of nowhere with this letter," said Scott, who still intended to request a committee with equal party membership and believed she had the support of the NDP.

Scott wants better mechanisms for reporting sexual harassment that empower victims to come forward and a system where there are fewer delays in getting cases dealt with.

"Now is the time to highlight it, to start to change the culture," she said.



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— MPP Laurie Scott

Council makes suggestions for film

from page 1

Drobitch said he would contact Ontario Parks to see what liability measures they've taken for past film shoots.

The manager told council he has spoken with the producer, who would be interested in visiting the tower in late November to scout out the potential site.

"It's a great opportunity," said Moffatt.

Councillors suggested the municipality try to co-ordinate the film shoot around the fall colours, a popular time of year at the tower, as to not impact visitor numbers.

New public works garage for Dorset

Council is moving forward on a new public works facility for the community of Dorset.

Tyler Peters of Evergreen Energy Solutions gave councillors a breakdown of the scope of the project, including costs estimates.

The garage will be used as a maintenance and operations facility for the municipality's public works department.

The proposal includes building a 5,200-square-foot steel building, with space for four trucks, storage and offices, according to Peters's report to council.

Cost estimates for the garage only are in the range of \$600,000 to \$750,000, with Peters expecting the entire project budget to come in under one million.

Moffatt said the municipality has been saving money for this project, with \$432,000 already saved and another \$120,000 set aside in this year's levy.

Treasurer Tammy McKelvey suggested council finance the project out of the

municipality's own reserves and that way it could potentially be paid off in five years.

"I'm not sure we can delay this project any longer," said Moffatt, adding the current facility was becoming a health and safety issue. "I think we should move forward."

Moffatt said the current facility could no longer accommodate vehicles and that the municipality was parking its snowplows in the park across the street.

The reeve said she had received a letter from the mayor of Lake of Bays asking Algonquin Highlands to move quickly on the project.

Dorset is situated between the two municipalities.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen inquired if the project could all be completed by next year.

"That is the plan," said Peters, adding it was his hope to tender the project in January, start construction in the spring and finish before the end of 2015.

"We have half the money, can borrow from ourselves ... and it can be paid off in five years," said Moffatt. "I can't think of a better story than that."

Councillors passed a resolution to accept Peters' presentation, approve the draft design and proceed with a tender and final designs.

Good year for tower

The past summer and fall seasons were a good one for the Dorset Tower, with an increase in visitor numbers and revenue.

"Autumn was great at the tower," said Drobitch, pointing to the weather as the main factor.

From Jan. 1 to Oct. 21 of this year, vehicle

traffic amounted to \$50,146.84 in revenue, up from \$46,610.40 in 2013.

While sales for season passes were slightly down, kiosk sales this year were up, with the kiosk bringing in an increase of more than \$3,000 over last year.

More than 10,000 vehicles visited the tower this year.

Airport fees to increase

Construction on the new airport is coming along, with lots of compliments being made on the new hangars, said airport manager Cam Loucks.

"They really are impressive, we did a good job there," said Moffatt.

In his report to council, Loucks recommended the township raise the tie down and lease fees for the hangars, as the rates haven't changed since 2011.

The airport manager recommended a six per cent increase to the hanger lease fees, equaling two per cent per year for the past three years.

Tie down fees were increased on a flat rate basis and not a percentage increase.

Loucks recommended the new fee schedule come into effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

The proposed annual hanger lease fees are: Group B-\$1,614.99, Group C-\$1,614.99, Group D-\$7,651.43, Group E, F, G & H-\$2,500 (effective Nov. 1, 2014).

Proposed tie down fees for Jan. 1, 2015 are: daily- \$10, weekly- \$35, monthly- \$70 and yearly- \$420.

All fees are subject to applicable taxes.

Council tabled a bylaw to consider adopting the fee increase.

HCPL's Book of the Month

Us Conductors

by Sean Michaels

Us Conductors by Sean Michaels is the fictionalized account of Lev Termen, inventor of the theremin an instrument that looks more scientific than musical. Its ethereal sounds are produced when the player interacts with an electric field produced by the instrument, acting as both a conductor of music and of electricity.

Sent to the United States by the Kremlin to infiltrate capitalism, Termen instead falls in love with New York; with the speakeasies and dance clubs, with the students learning his curious musical instrument, and with Clara a young violinist. As he returns to Leningrad, imprisoned in his cabin on a steamship, he writes to Clara telling her of his

past life as a scientist and inventor, and the story of his unravelling as a spy, now facing detention in a Siberian gulag.

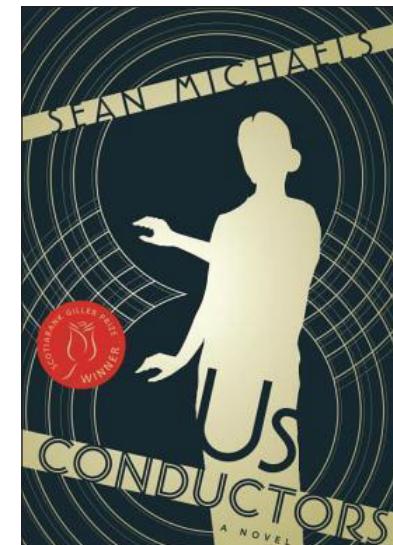
Us Conductors by Sean Michaels is a story of love and electricity, of spy games and music, and won the 2014 Scotiabank Giller Prize.

Us Conductors is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Christmas Book Basket Sale!

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Members' Show focuses on Farrell

Last year's People's Choice winner featured in exhibition of abstract photography

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

See the world through the eyes of local photographer George Farrell at this year's Agnes Jamieson Gallery Annual Members' Show on now until Dec. 20.

Farrell, a resident of Gelert for 30 years, is excited at the opportunity to be the featured artist with his *Fatal Abstraction: Images in Rust* show.

"I'm still a little bit in awe it has happened," he said.

The annual Members' Show includes 50 pieces of artwork that range from paintings, textile work to sculpture and photography from close to 30 artists who are members of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Being a People's Choice Award winner from last year's Members' Show, Farrell earned this year's feature showcase position, which includes his collection of 21 abstract realist photos taken from the past four years.

The impermanence of his images is part of the value for his work, he said.

He said after returning to many sites where his photos were taken, he noticed that what he photographed is not there anymore, emphasizing that everything returns to the earth.

Many of his photos depict items and structures that are covered in rust, which is "a fatal abstraction" forever captured with his camera.

Although a few photos have been exhibited before such as the *Joy on Entry*, it is the first time all the photos have been showcased together in one show.



Gelert resident and abstract photographer George Farrell stands with a selection of his photos from this year's *Fatal Abstraction: Images in Rust*. He is the featured artist at the annual Members' Show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden thanks to being last year's People's Choice Award winner.

Darren Lum Staff



The Members' Show runs until Dec. 20 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Arts organizations get provincial funding

Local MPP Laurie Scott congratulated area arts organizations on receiving Ontario Arts Council Funds recently.

In Haliburton County, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands received funds. In Lindsay, the Lindsay Concert Foundation received money as well.

The arts council was given \$9,475 through the Community Arts Councils program.

The gallery received \$5,000 through the Public Art Galleries Projects program for Sensory, a video and sound installation that opened earlier this fall.

"These grants help to foster the outstanding artistic talent in our community," Scott said in a press release.





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Legion lends a hand

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker accepts a \$2,000 cheque from Minden Legion president Judy Flieger and poppy fund chairman Jim Ross. The foundation will use the money to purchase a meat slicer at Hyland Crest. The money is just a portion of that raised by this year's poppy drive in Minden.

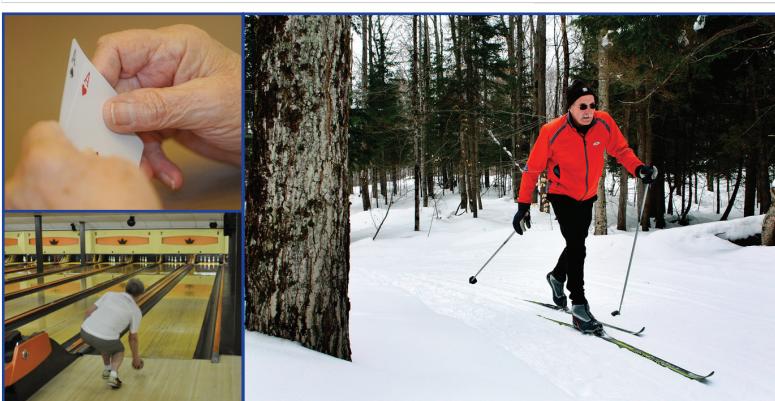
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Tiny crustaceans could pose problems for area lakes

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

A tiny, jelly-coated crustacean could cause problems for Haliburton County's lakes, new research from Queen's University suggests.

The study shows that falling calcium levels in boreal lakes, such as those in Haliburton County and the District of Muskoka, are creating conditions allowing a rise in population of creatures known as Holopedium.

Holopedium, which measure about a millimetre in size, are similar to another species called Daphnia, known commonly as water fleas.

"They are herbivores, that graze on the lakes by filter feeding," Dr. Adam Jeziorski, a post-doctoral fellow at Queen's, wrote in an email. "The big difference between the two is Daphnia's principal defence against predators is an armoured carapace that contains a relatively high amount of calcium, whereas Holopedium's main defence is a big jelly capsule that is low in calcium."

As calcium levels in lakes fall – a legacy of acid rain – Holopedium are increasing in population, at the expense of Daphnia, which require a certain level of calcium in order to survive.

The study – conducted in conjunction with researchers from York University and the University of Cambridge – took core samples from more than 30 lakes in central Ontario and the fossil record from those lakes shows an increasing number of Holopedium – and decreasing number of Daphnia – that syncs with dropping calcium lev-

els.

The problem is what the impact of this shift will have on the local food chain, which could include negative effects for fish stocks.

"At the ecosystem level there is a concern for organisms that prey on tiny crustaceans in lakes (invertebrates and small fish) because Holopedium are both lower in nutrients and more difficult to catch," Jeziorski wrote. "We're not yet sure what the impact of this switch could be further up the food chain and we essentially have to wait and see. We've made a big change to the foodwebs in these lakes and now have to watch and see what the long-term repercussions will be."

At a human level, Holopedium can be a nuisance by clogging water intake systems and filters, he added.

While acid rain has been curbed in recent decades through more responsible industrial practices, it has altered the makeup of elements in soil.

Calcium is deposited in lakes through decomposing organic material and in this way, the timber industry and deforestation have also contributed to declining calcium levels.

Is there anything residents and waterfront property owners can do to help reverse this trend?

"I don't think so," Jeziorski continued. "The trend of declining lake water calcium is due to decreases in the calcium of soils at the watershed scale. Any solutions will have to come from changes to regional policies on things like industrial development, emissions and forestry practices across the province."

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All that glitters



Above, Glitter committee member and event organizer Paul Roy and Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount strike a pose in the Glitterato booth at Glitter on Nov. 22.

Left and right, The Minden Hills Festival of Trees took place from Nov. 21 to 23 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The theme for this year's weekend event was A Village Christmas, and trees were sponsored by many local businesses, including Ridgewood Ford, Dollo's Foodland, Minden Subaru, Cordell Carpet and more.

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Above, Kate Bullivant, left, and local artist Jackie Wells admire some of the items in the silent auction at Glitter on Nov. 22 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Donated items included photography by Michael Bainbridge, jewelry by Susan Watson Ellis and a vase by Terry Craig.

Left, Michael Robert-Broder tries to convince Lauren Margison that it's too cold to leave the party while the duo sing *Baby, It's Cold Outside* at the inaugural Glitter party, part of the Minden Hills Festival of Trees. The evening included excerpts from the Highlands Opera Theatre, a silent auction, raffles and more. The cocktail reception was in support of Festival of Trees, with many trees on display throughout the cultural centre.

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Who would be warden

LAST WEEKEND marked the warden's banquet, the annual bash hosted by the county bringing together municipal politicians and staff in a celebration of the year that was.

In a few weeks, the warden for the upcoming year will be named at the county inaugural.

By warden, I'm not talking about the superintendent of a prison, but rather the upper tier's chief political official. The reeve of the reeves.

County council consists of eight members, the reeves and deputy-reeves of each of its four lower tiers, who each year choose from among themselves who will serve as warden.

Typically it is one of the four reeves, but, moving forward, council should consider some of its deputy-reeves for the position.

In fact, it should consider making Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch warden for 2015.

That is, if she wants to do it, of course.

It has been a decade since the warden of Haliburton County was a politician from Minden Hills.

The last time was when former reeve Jim McMahon held the position in 2005.

In 2008, it was former Algonquin Highlands reeve Eleanor Harrison, followed by Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton in 2009 and again in 2010.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey held the position during 2011 and 2012, then Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt in 2013 and then Burton again in 2014.

No politician from Minden Hills



Chad Ingram
Reporter

served as warden during the four-year term that is about to end and the township is entering a somewhat unusual situation in that reeve-elect Brent Devolin has gone straight to the top, having never served on council before. It's unlikely he'll be passed the warden's gavel for a while.

In the meantime, 2015 is going to be a big year for Minden Hills, with the county completing its

new EMS base along Highway 35 and the world's white-water enthusiasts turning their attention to the Minden Wild Water Preserve during the spring's Toronto Pan Am/Parapan Games.

As a politician, Murdoch is steadfast, stoic and calm and is one of the county's most seasoned, entering her fourth term and 12th year as a councillor.

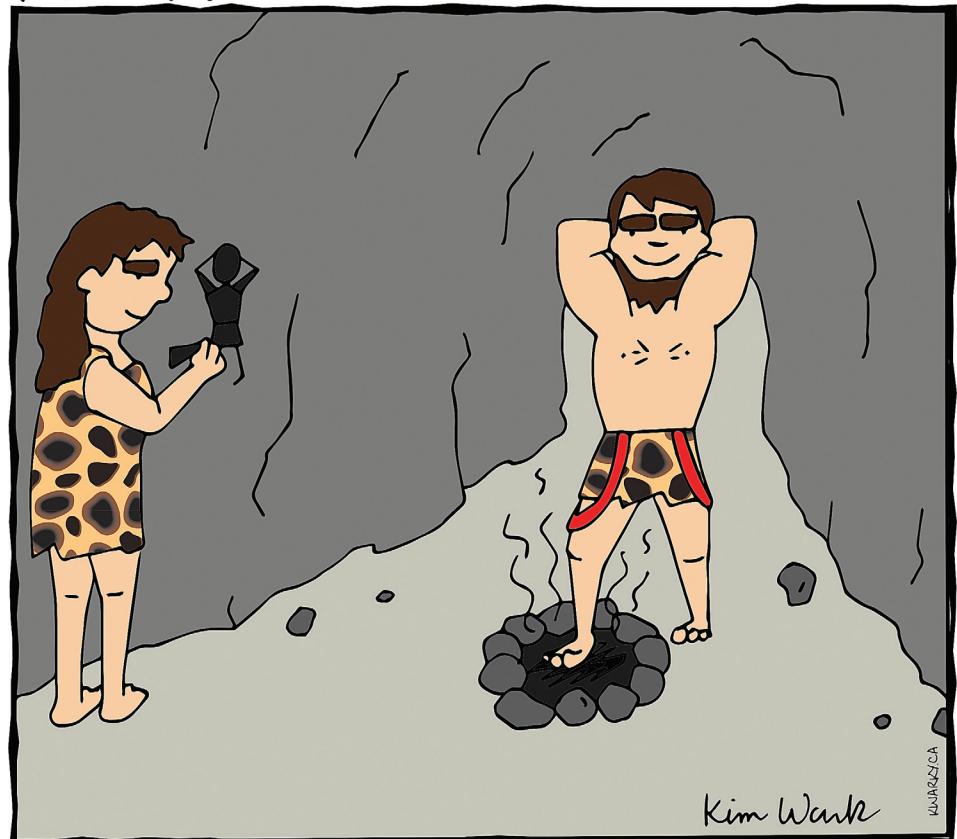
Other deputy-reeves could easily serve as warden as well. In Highlands East, Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge is entering her second term on county council, but has served on her local council a long time, dating back to pre-amalgamation years.

Incoming Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts may be new to county council, but with eight years on Dysart et al council under her proverbial belt, she certainly knows the procedural ropes.

It's not that any recent wardens have done a poor job, but allowing deputy-reeves to sit in the chair would also bring some fresh voices to the head of council.

It's something that should be considered.

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Kim Wank

THE FIRST FIREMAN CALENDAR

Throw me a bone

THIS WEEK I READ a good news story about a little girl in the U.S. who was saved by her dog after she broke through the ice in a small pond. The dog apparently started running around frantically and barking until it alerted her older brother. He then rescued his sister from certain death, called for medical help and the media made quite a fuss over the dog.

Stories like this make us all very happy, of course. From a human perspective, it is heartwarming to know that dogs can look out for us and can even be life savers. It makes you believe the exploits of Lassie or the Littlest Hobo could actually happen. And that's definitely a nice thought to have.

But I have to wonder what normal dogs think of this, if they are being truly honest with themselves. I'm sure they are happy about the outcome - and perhaps even happier that a cat didn't take part in the rescue - but they must also be thinking, "Oh great. We've got another Rin-Tin-Tin in our ranks."

You can hardly blame them for being a bit jealous. After all, that dog just set the bar a whole lot higher for the rest of the canine world. Suddenly, all the other mutts out there are going to have to up their games if they want to impress us.

For instance, up until I told my own mutts this story, I'm sure they believed that they were superheroes just because they no longer scoot across the floor when I'm around and occasionally retrieve my slippers - which they clearly hid in the first place.

But, because of this one little incident, they probably realize this is no longer enough. They now know I won't think



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

much of them until they do something truly awesome.

The cat is out of the proverbial bag - and that's never something dogs like.

All I'm saying is this can't be good for the average canine.

Up till this point, all a dog had to do to live up to its end of the bargain was use your yard as a toilet and occasionally bark when someone comes knocking at the door. Mine also showboat a little by carrying their metal food bowls around and dropping them noisily on the floor to remind me it's time for dinner and a walk. But that's simply because they have come to regard me as a manservant who can be easily manipulated. As far as they are concerned, my sole purpose in life is to feed them.

It's not something I'm proud of.

Otherwise, they are fairly content to sleep between meals and walks and occasionally gross me out by cleaning parts no human - or dog - should ever see.

Honestly though, I'm not disappointed in them for all this either. That is the nature of the beast. It's what we dog owners signed up for. It's fair exchange for a year of having a puppy.

The truth is most dogs are not extraordinary. But they are good pets who do what is expected of them, which is essentially nothing.

But the good news - as that American dog has shown us - is that you never know what a dog will do to protect you in any given situation.

Frankly, I'm not sure mine would rescue me if I went through the ice - but I do know if it were nearing dinner time, the odds would be a whole lot better.

points of view

When nostalgia and reality collide

ON A RECENT BUSH ramble I stumbled into a logging operation. Many trees were getting whacked but few actual workers were in evidence.

One guy operated a tree harvester, one of those mechanical loggers that grab a tree, shears its branches in one motion, cuts it at ground level, then sets the log aside for pickup. There also was a guy driving the tandem truck that would haul the logs away. There might have been more workers somewhere but I didn't see them.

The scene carried my mind back to days in the Black Sturgeon logging camps outside Port Arthur, now Thunder Bay. A school chum's dad was superintendent of the main Black Sturgeon camp. The family lived in the bush and my friend boarded in town while going to school. He went home on holidays and sometimes I went with him.

Black Sturgeon was a big operation. The camp had family housing, offices, bunkhouses, horse stable and a large cookhouse where the cook looked the other way whenever we snatched a peach pie. The place throbbed with the activities of cutters, haulers, log drivers and various support people.

Here in the Haliburton woods decades later my nostalgia collided with reality. The same work was being done in a different manner with many fewer people.

That's the way in most industries these days. The typesetters and press room workers of the newspaper business are gone, or their ranks are drastically reduced. Reporters and editors are fewer. In most businesses fewer people do more work. Machines, computers, advanced robotics are a main component of the modern workforce.

We accept change and move on. There is little choice for most of us.

However, a new report from the United Nations indicates that we should give more thought about where all this taking us. The report says the world now has more young people than at any time in human history.

Of the world's 7.3 billion people, almost 1.8 billion are between 10 and 24 years old. That figure is expected to rise to two billion by the middle of the century. Roughly 120 million of these young people reach working age every year, so the critical question arises: Where will all these young people find the jobs necessary to give them secure and worthwhile lives? Put another way, will the next generation be able to realize its full potential?

The International Labor Organization says young people are three times more likely to be unemployed than adults. It estimates that almost 73 million youth worldwide are looking for work.

Right now the Canadian unemployment rate for young people 15 to 24 is roughly 14 per cent. The rate in Ontario, one of hardest provinces for young people to find jobs, ranged between 16 and 17 per cent last year.

We all have stories of young people leaving colleges and universities with their degrees and not finding work in their fields. They take unintended jobs to earn money to live and to pay off their student loans.

A variety of research shows that young people, notably millennials 18 to 32, are the most stressed segment of western society. The result is seen in hospitalization for self-harm statistics. The Canadian Institute for Health Information reported recently that hospitalizations among youth for intentional self-harm increased from 1,324 in 2009-10 to 2,456 in 2013-14.

A favoured topic among government policy makers, economists and news media these days is our aging population. With good reason. We have a large aging population creating challenges that require policy changes.

However, we should not forget that a large percentage of the world is young. More than 50 per cent of people alive today have not reached 30. They are the future and we need to ensure they have a good one.



Jim Poling Sr.

From Shaman's Rock

letters to the editor

Memories of the old arena

To the Editor,

I was born between Minden and Kinmount in 1937. In a recent article about the motor vehicle saving Minden's future it said that in 1954 there was fundraising going on to build a hospital in Minden, and also to replace part of the community centre that had blown down in a wind storm.

It is my recollection that part of the centre fell

because the bank behind it slid into the back wall and so weakened the structure. Now I could be wrong as memory does fail me now, but one way or the other I worked as a volunteer labourer on both the original construction and the rebuild. The only part of the arena that remained was where the snack bar was with a dance floor/meeting room upstairs.

Ray YC Miller.
Peterborough Ontario.

Stranded in the Snow

Janet Trull

Special to the *Times*

The stretch of Highway 118 from Carnarvon to Bracebridge connects Muskoka and the Haliburton Highlands. It has some of the most beautiful, rugged scenery in cottage country. Only weeks ago, it was a breathtaking drive of fall colours against a backdrop of granite rock cuts and wetlands and glimpses of picturesque lakes. But on Tuesday afternoon, it was nothing but white.

I was enjoying an uneventful trip to our Haliburton Lake home with my daughter and her children, a new baby and a three year old. The drive from Dundas gave no hint that bad weather was waiting for us, and instead of listening to radio stations, we were rocking to Baby Beethoven. At Bracebridge the skies got grey and wintery-looking but we headed toward Vankoughnet with the false confidence that new winter tires can give you.

By the time we were half way to Carnarvon, we were in trouble. Snow started falling fast and the wind rose. Visibility dropped and disappeared. We started assessing our options and realized that there were none. No stores, no gas stations, no coffee shops. No houses with cleared driveways. The side roads held no promise of shelter, or even human contact.

We considered stopping in the parking lot for hikers, but with the baby and toddler, we couldn't take the chance that the storm would pass. The temperature was steadily dropping. With hearts in throats we kept going. When our speed got down to 30 kph and the line in the middle of the road had disappeared forever, we debated pulling over, but we were terrified that we'd get creamed from behind. The vehicles going the opposite direction were rare, requiring tricky negotiations for the one middle track.

Eventually, a transport truck appeared behind us. We knew he wanted to pass in the worst way, but it wasn't safe. So we just stopped. My daughter hopped out and ran back to the truck, imploring the driver for help. Could he pass us and let us follow his taillights?

"You won't be able to keep up with me," he said.

"But I have a screaming baby," she explained. "Could you get us to Carnarvon?" Tears can be pretty convincing and this truck driver agreed to be our guide.

"Let's get going," he said. "This snow is accumulating fast."

Good to his word, he crept along, no doubt missing his deadline and his supper. By the time we saw those beautiful life-saving city lights of Carnarvon, it was dark. It had taken us over two hours to drive that 54 km. stretch.

Just before the stop lights, the truck stopped. The driver hopped out and offered to get us to Haliburton, but we had only one goal: get the kids out of the car. Thank you to that driver. We didn't get your

name, but our imaginations have given us some nightmares about what might have become of us if you hadn't helped us.

Now what? We drove into the gas station and told the attendant we were ready to stay the night. Alarmed, he and a customer started brainstorming. Carnarvon hasn't got a Best Western yet, but the customer suggested we try the Rhubarb.

"Surely they're not open in this blizzard," we said. "Oh, ya," he said. "My sister is a server there. I just dropped her off for her shift."

We got back in the car and drove across the highway to the Rhubarb. I don't ever remember a more welcoming sight than the entranceway to that restaurant. Candles and low lighting and a fireplace behind the bar. Nolan, who had just woken up, burst out crying, but Emily, the fearless server who somehow got in to work on this savage evening, reassured him right away.

"How about some fries?" she said. The magic word.

Within ten minutes, we were happily settled in to the comfy leather couch and chairs in the front alcove. We had TV, a huge platter of fries, and two bowls of the best onion soup I ever tasted. In. My. Life.

My daughter and I started negotiating who would get the couch for the night, when a customer (... really? A customer?) arrived to pick up a pizza. He started chatting to us while they boxed up his dinner.

"What?" he said. "You can't stay here! I live half a mile away and I've got warm beds and a crib. My wife is stranded in Minden with the grandkids, so there is lots of room."

Chris wouldn't take our money as we left the Rhubarb. "We are happy we decided to stay open," he said. "Blizzard Special!" Emily insisted.

Our heaven-sent host's name was Kevin and he didn't look like a murderer, so we followed him down a snowy trail, not to a shack in the woods, but to a beautiful home on Little Boshkung Lake. Our Carnarvon all-inclusive provided the comforts of home and then some. (Bonus! The Disney Channel for one very tired three-year-old)

As I lay awake that night, going over the events of the day, I thought about what I had learned.

Check the weather network more closely. Localized snow squalls are scary.

Plan a more civilized route when travelling with young children.

Follow a professional driver in a big truck.

A gas station is a preferable option to a car when you have a crying baby and a toddler in tow.

If you are truly stranded for the night, a restaurant (that is also a brewery) is a better option than a gas station.

If a stranger offers his house to a scraggly bunch of travellers, take him up on it.

You are never truly stranded in Haliburton County.

Email your letter to the editor to:
jenn@haliburtonpress.com



Left, The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes brought Christmas tunes to the town of Minden during the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 22.

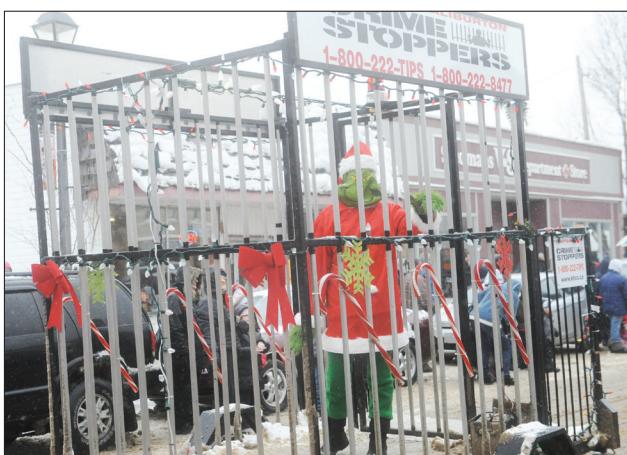
Below, parade participant Sara Both, right, hands out candy to children. Treats of all kinds were given out by many businesses, churches, local organizations and politicians.

Better watch out

Photos by Angelica Blenich

It was raining for the annual Minden Santa Claus parade on Nov. 22, but the weather didn't dampen the community's spirit.

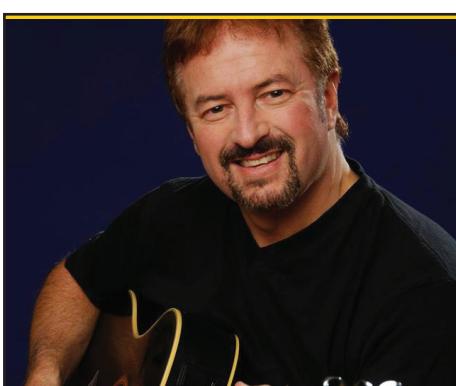
Below, Crime Stoppers successfully rounded up the Grinch.



Left, Santa Claus waves to his many fans at the annual Minden Santa Claus Parade. Starting at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, the parade heads down Bobcaygeon Road, ending at the CIBC. This year's winner of the Garry Holland Memorial trophy was the Haliburton County Historical Society, for best community group float.

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High teen turnout in MH election

Intelivote report breaks down voting patterns

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The clerk for Minden Hills is commending the township's teenage voters for their high participation rate in the Oct. 27 election.

Forty-two per cent of eligible 18- and 19-year-old voters cast ballots, a rate equivalent to the election's overall voter turnout and higher than rates in several other age categories.

Eighteen of 43 eligible teenagers took part in the election, according to a statistical report from Intelivote Systems Inc., the Nova Scotia-based company that provided Internet and telephone voting.

The turnout rate was higher than that of voters in their 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s.

According to the report, 29 per cent of voters in their 20s (122 of 426) took part, 38 per cent of those in their 30s (218 of 574), 33 per cent of those in their 40s (439 of 1,431) and 38 per cent of those in their 50s (1,150 of 3,059).

Half of voters in their 60s (1,435 of 2,847) cast ballots, 57 per cent of those in their 70s (925 of 1,609) and 42 per cent of those in their 80s (362 of 855).

The lowest turnout was among voters in their 90s, with 28 per cent, or 35 of 127 eligible voters exercising their franchise.

The highest turnout was among voters older than 99. Turnout was 100 per cent, with the single, eligible voter in this category making it to the polls.

Overall voter turnout for the election was 42 per cent, with 4,716 of 11,210 possible ballots cast.

This was down from just more than 45 per cent in the 2010 election.

Nearly 74 per cent of those who voted did so by Internet and telephone. Polling stations were also set up at the community centre on election day and during advanced polling during Thanksgiving.

Brent Devolin won the reeve's contest with 2,519 votes, followed by Brigitte Gall at 1,596 and Barb Reid at 937.

By Internet and telephone, Devolin received 1,395 votes, Gall 1,220 and Reid 854.

The contest between Devolin and Gall was tight in Ward 1, with Devolin receiving 817 Internet and phone votes to Gall's 749.

Reid garnered 321.

While she lost the election, Reid received

the most votes by phone and Internet in Ward 2 with 454. Devolin had 319, Gall 290.

In Ward 3, those numbers were 259 for Devolin, 181 for Gall and 79 for Reid.

Devolin was a runaway winner in paper ballots, taking 764. Gall had 376 and Reid 83.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch reclaimed her seat with 2,821 votes, taking down competitors Rick Ashall with 1,529 and John Beattie with 214.

By Internet and phone, Murdoch received 1,884 votes, Ashall 1,316 and Beattie 156.

Of those votes, Ward 1 gave Murdoch 1,111, Ashall 662 and Beattie 75.

Ashall took the most Internet and phone votes in Ward 2 at 523, followed by Murdoch at 439 and Beattie at 43.

In Ward 3, those numbers were 334 for Murdoch, 131 for Ashall and 38 for Beattie.

Murdoch took the lion's share of paper ballots, with 937. Ashall had 213 and Beattie 58.

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Eligible voters were happy to have the three voting options from which to choose the most convenient method

— Cheryl McCarroll

Ron Nesbitt beat Daryl Moore for councillor-at-large, due in large part to his dominance in paper ballots.

The two were close in Internet and telephone votes, Nesbitt receiving 1,633 and Moore 1,566. Moore beat Nesbitt by more than 100 electronic votes in Ward 2, 535 to 426.

When it came to paper ballots, the race was not as close, Nesbitt taking 500 to Moore's 274.

A report from interim clerk Cheryl McCarroll indicated that Minden Hills residents seemed to like Internet and telephone voting, along with the traditional polling station option.

It was the first time Minden Hills had offered electronic voting, with council deciding to make the change from mail-in ballots.

“Eligible voters were happy to have the three voting options from which to choose the most convenient method,” McCarroll wrote.

There were also a few hiccups.

“The Intelivote system was significantly

slower than the municipal voter view module used in vote by mail,” McCarroll’s report read. “Searching for eligible voters or enumerating eligible voters consumed much of staff’s time. Throughout the advanced voting but especially voting day, staff experienced delays with the Intelivote system.”

Advanced polling for the Minden Hills election began Oct. 10.

There were also challenges with the voters’ list itself, which comes from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

(MPAC), which had deleted a number of eligible voters.

Some 450 voters did not have their birth dates listed – required for electronic voting – and the township had to remove the names of more than 50 dead people who were still on the list.

Year-round residents represented the bulk of voters at 58.3 per cent, the remaining 41.7 per cent of ballots coming from seasonal residents.

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Extra expense for cultural centre fence

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a Nov. 20 Minden Hills council meeting, which was the final meeting of the current council.

The recently completed fence at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre will cost the municipality some \$3,000 more than was approved for the project.

The contract for the fence was awarded in July with a price tag of just shy of \$9,000. However, the contractor made an error in material costs and sent an invoice for an additional \$3,900, bringing the total price tag to approximately \$12,880.

Minden Hills museum curator Darren Levstek told councillors he believed the mistake was honest. Since the original budget for the fence was \$12,000, councillors agreed to pay most of the additional invoice, capping the total project cost at the initial budgeted expense.

Township sells surplus bridge

Councillors agreed to sell the former Bailey Bridge to

the Merrill Barry Company for \$9,040. The metal bridge was removed from Irondale Road when provincial requirements mandated it be replaced by a concrete structure. The bridge has for years been sitting in one of the township's work yards.

Departments on track

Most of the township's departments are on budget or just about for the year.

A report from treasurer/chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard showed budget summaries by department following financial positions presented at the end of September.

It's anticipated that where shortfalls exist, they will be offset by surpluses in other areas.

For example, while arena repairs are over budget by approximately \$10,000, they will be offset by an anticipated surplus from parks, which had a short season due to the cold, wet spring.

Ec dev report tabled

The final report from the township's economic development advisory committee was tabled by outgoing Council-

lor Larry Clarke, who chaired the committee.

As Clarke noted, the report was the result of many hundreds of hours of volunteer time by committee members.

Clarke said three major pillars were that the incoming council consider the installation of an economic development committee, that economic development be included in one of the township's senior management positions and that housing be seen as a component of a healthy economic environment.

Buying blocks

Minden Hills will purchase concrete blocks for the repair of a retaining wall at the Scotch Line landfill for \$10,700, including HST, from Environmental Concrete Systems.

Food contracts awarded

Gravity House will cater the township's 2014 volunteer appreciation reception for approximately \$3,400 and the Dominion Hotel will provide catering for the township's annual staff Christmas dinner at \$24.58 a plate. Each of the bids was the lowest received.

Contest winners

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has a competition in two categories: "Assigned" and "Pictorial". The assigned images this month were on nature, an extremely technical and challenging topic. The pictorial division asks photographers to submit their favourite images in any genre. Here are the pictorial winners for this month:



The overall winning image, submitted by Glenn Springer of Carnarvon, was entitled "Catch a Falling Star," an abstract captured on the Schuyler's Island Causeway



Winner in the intermediate class, was an outstanding image of a hummingbird taken by Kathy McKelvey-Brown of Galt.



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Elvis 'Priestley' comes to Haliburton County

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It's not every day one gets the chance to see an Anglican archbishop who is also an Elvis impersonator, but county residents

will have just that opportunity when Elvis Priestley croons his way into Haliburton County this weekend.

A concert on Saturday, Nov. 29 will feature sideburn-sporting archbishop Dorian Baxter doing his award-winning Elvis Presley tribute.

Taking place at the Gooderham Community Centre, the show is a fundraiser for Bark Lake Cultural Developments, which preserves the historic church in Ironton.

Baxter, who was born in Kenya where his parents served with the British military, has been fixated on Presley from the moment he first heard him on April 4, 1955.

"I first heard Elvis on the day after my birthday," Baxter says in his British accent, explaining he'd been on the floor playing with his new fire truck toy. "Apparently, my dad said I dropped the fire truck."

He was five at the time.

"Technically, I started [impersonating Elvis] that day," he says.

It was when he moved to Canada at age 22 that Baxter discovered that along with his rock 'n' roll music, Presley was also a gospel singer.

This influenced his religious career, Baxter becoming an Anglican priest and eventually an archbishop.

"A lot of it was because of Elvis," he says.

A Newmarket resident, Baxter won the showstopper award at the Collingwood Elvis Festival in 1996 and was champion in 1997.

However, the Anglican diocese took exception to Baxter's hip-swivelling, jumpsuit-wearing ways and removed him from his parish in 1998, also revoking his ability to perform marriages.

That didn't stop Baxter, determined to worship both the King of Rock n' Roll and the King of Kings.

In 2003, he formed Christ the King, Graceland Independent Anglican Church of Canada, part of the Federation of Independent Anglican Churches of North America.

The church now includes some 20 clergy.

"We're small, but we're mighty," Baxter says, explaining his church does work in his native Kenya.

His story has received coverage from major media outlets throughout the world and Baxter has been made an honorary member of the city council for Memphis, Tennessee, as well as the U.S. Senate.

This January, his church will celebrate its 12th anniversary and, as the anniversary does every year, will bring together Elvis impersonators from far and wide.

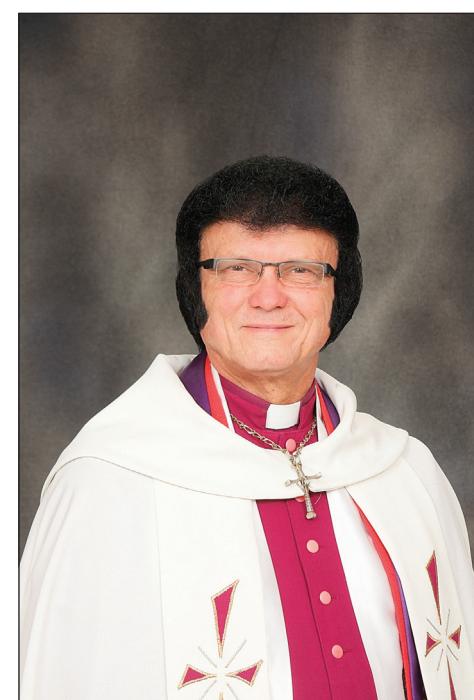
Baxter will also perform a Sunday service in Ironton the day following the concert.

While he dons his robes for religious work, he doesn't ditch his pompadour.

"People think it's a wig, but it's my real hair," Baxter says.

For tickets to Saturday's show, call 705-457-8438 or visit www.IrontonOntario.ca.

"For those who will be able to attend, I say, thank you, thank you very much," Baxter says.



Archbishop Dorian Baxter, who goes by the moniker Elvis Priestley when performing his Elvis Presley tribute show, will be in Gooderham this weekend. Photo Submitted

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Twenty-five years of SIRCH

Executive director talks about beginnings of Haliburton County's social services organization

Jenn Watt
Editor

SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson comes alive when she talks about the organization she's been leading for the last quarter century in Haliburton.

Sitting in her office watching a snowstorm swirl outside her window on an unseasonably wintry November day, Robertson seems almost gleeful recalling the growth, success – and even challenges – SIRCH has met over the last 25 years.

Thirty programs have been developed in that time, with more than 1,000 people receiving training, 100 staff members coming and going and \$15 million brought in to the county.

"For years we were known by the programs that we ran. When one was divested or morphs or closes, it makes it difficult [for the community] to know who you are. Now we are better known for the fact that we create programs and look for gaps and respond to community needs and that those programs change," Robertson says.

It all began in 1989, she says, when a group of people came together to form the Social Action Committee to find ways to fill needs in the community.

At that time, very few social services existed in Haliburton County.

They started with Parent Support Services, which was headed up by Robertson on a five-year contract.

Did she ever dream she would end up running the organization for 25 years?

"God no," Robertson laughs.

She never left because she was having too much fun,

she says.

SIRCH changes all the time, creating a stimulating environment for dreamers and those seeking to create a more supportive community.

In her speech to members at this year's annual general meeting, Robertson decided to create a top-10 list of lessons learned.

Among them: do what makes your heart sing; always look for the win-win; and positivity and passion can

change the world.

She also learned about failure – or rather that what feels like a failure never really is one.

"It was actually the closing of Women's Emergency House that changed that forever for me," she said in her speech.

In 1995, the community rallied to build a shelter for women fleeing abuse.

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Jenn Watt Staff

SIRCH Community Services workers gather around for a break together on Nov. 20 in their Haliburton office. The organization celebrated 25 years this year. From left, Diane Johnson, John Quinlan, Donna Gagnon, Lesley Trotter, Wendy Iles and Gena Robertson.

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Social enterprise offers new avenue

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They received grant money to put up the structure, but were unable to find ongoing operational funds.

"At the time, I really felt that it was a bit of a failure on our part and on my part," Robertson says. "But hindsight being a little clearer, what we were able to do was pro-

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One of the things I think has been impressive to me over the years is the calibre and passion of staff that we've had here and certainly the calibre and passion of volunteers. It's pretty amazing, frankly.

— Gena Robertson

Since that time, SIRCH has continued filling the gaps, creating programs and sometimes divesting them to run on their own.

Most recently, hospice services were taken up by Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which has united the program with its own palliative care suite.

Today, SIRCH employs 12 people full-time and is hiring two more.

It runs programs for women and children, Community Kitchen, School's Cool, a bereavement group, Garden Buddies, Dig In workshops, and Need A Hand for people needing some help around the house, among others.

What excites Robertson most now is the concept of social enterprise.

"Social enterprise is generating revenue through a service or business that has a charitable purpose," she says. Need A Hand and most recently Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton's Industrial Park are two examples.

"Thrift Warehouse provides lots of services: keeps stuff out of the landfill, it provides low-cost items, it provides employment ... whatever is left over provides [financial] support to other programs," she says.

SIRCH intends to expand the program to Bancroft and Minden.

Throughout the last 25 years, what has been most striking to Robertson is the people.

"One of the things I think has been impressive to me over the years is the calibre and passion of staff that we've had here and certainly the calibre and passion of volunteers. It's pretty amazing, frankly."

What will the next 25 years bring?

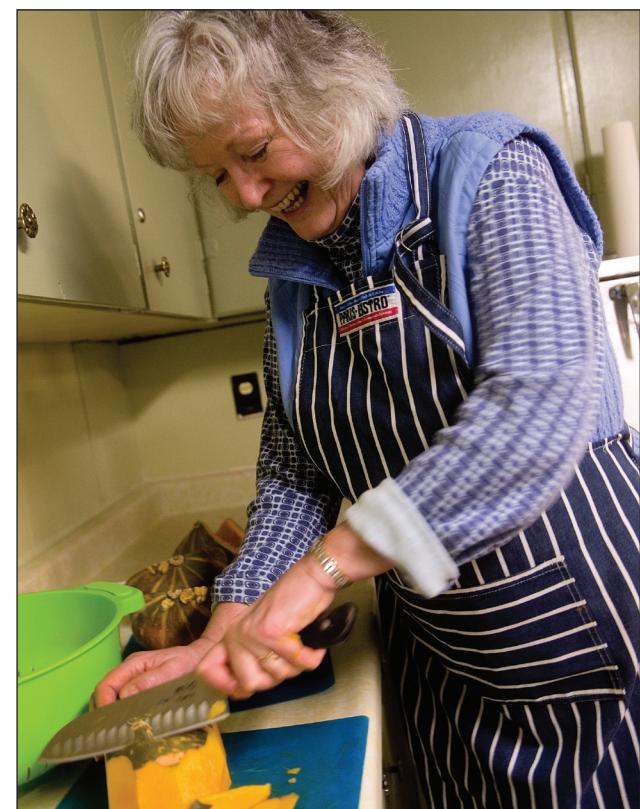
Robertson says she can't begin to fathom. What she hopes is SIRCH continues to respond to the needs of the community, remaining nimble, creative and innovative.

Each year, SIRCH needs to bring in about \$50,000 from donations to continue to provide its services to those in need. The Gifts from the Heart campaign is the single biggest fundraiser for the organization.

vide emergency housing for three years, 24-7 with volunteers, which is pretty amazing."

The shelter got people talking about violence against women and a couple of years after the shelter closed, the YWCA opened another one.

"It was a really difficult decision," Robertson recalls, but the costs of running the shelter were beyond what the board would agree to.



Jenn Watt Staff

SIRCH Community Kitchen volunteer Sandre Daoust chops squash for a steaming turkey stew in this file photo at the Haliburton United Church.

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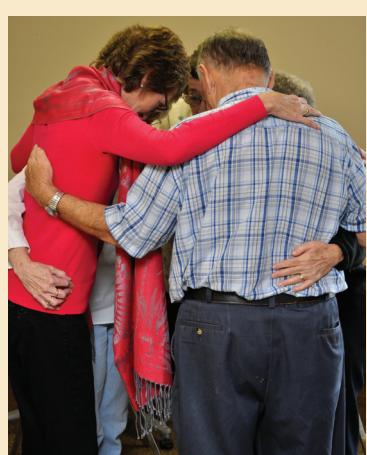
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Where do proceeds from Need a Hand go? Proceeds from Need a Hand will help SIRCH Community Services provide subsidies so that residents who cannot afford the services, but need the help, can get the individualized assistance they need.

I don't know who I would have called if not Need a Hand. Thanks for all you do."

'The Need a Hand program from SIRCH Community Services has been doing all the maintenance and incidental repairs for the properties of Community Living Haliburton County and it is has been a huge success. Communication is smooth, our needs are met promptly by qualified and courteous people and the work done is of very high quality. Before this arrangement we had difficulty finding the right company or trade for every job. Frank and his team have a wealth of skill and knowledge and can quickly remedy our ongoing repairs and renovations. It has proven to be a great support to our agency and our community.' ~ Teresa Jordan, Executive Director, Community Living Haliburton County



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The Highlander



Gala features Highlands twist

Jack Brezina was dressed for success at the Highlands Fling themed gala benefitting the Minden Health Care Auxiliary on Nov. 22, 2014 at the Minden Community Centre. Paul Heffer, right, had a slightly more understated nod to the Highlands with a tartan tie.

Photos by Jenn Watt



Nancy Cook checks out one of the baskets up for grabs in the raffle. Along with many items to be won, there was also a meal provided by Caleb's Meadow Catering, wine courtesy of Colleen and Blake O'Byrne of The Wine Store and favours by Molly's Bistro Bakery.



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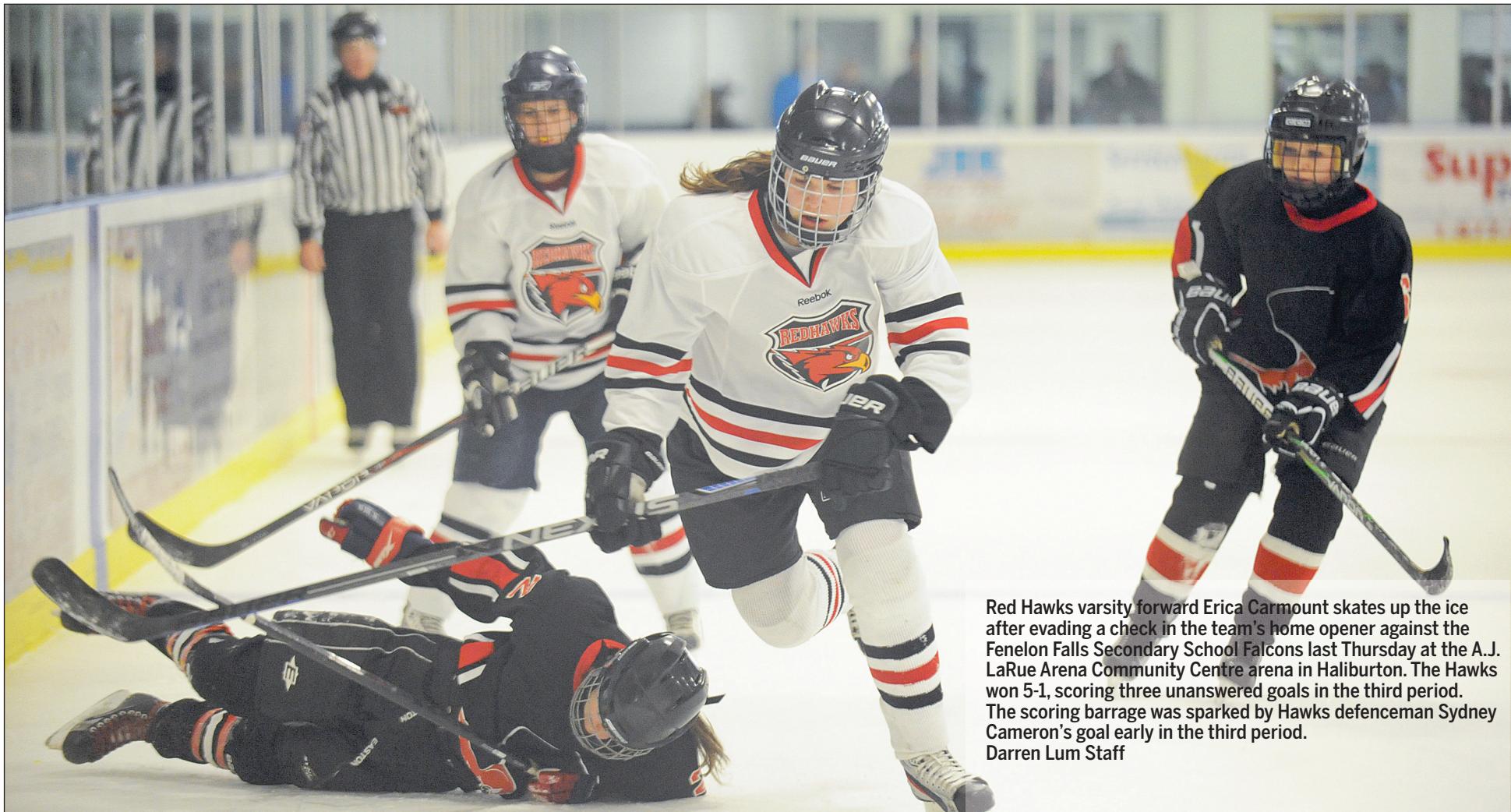


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Lady Hawks start last season off with a bang



Red Hawks varsity forward Erica Carmount skates up the ice after evading a check in the team's home opener against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons last Thursday at the A.J. LaRue Arena Community Centre arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won 5-1, scoring three unanswered goals in the third period. The scoring barrage was sparked by Hawks defenceman Sydney Cameron's goal early in the third period.

Darren Lum Staff

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

By the end there wasn't much doubt about who was the superior team.

The Red Hawks girl's hockey team kick-started the double-header Haliburton high school hockey home opener last Thursday against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons with a convincing 5-1 win.

However the final score belies how tightly contested it was through two thirds of the game when the Falcons only trailed the Hawks by one goal.

Hawks coach Dan Marsden said nerves were a factor in the slow start that saw only three total goals through two periods.

He told his team the importance of puck possession and making good passes for better scoring chances. As the game wore on, his team got better and better at executing his game plan and were successful winning the puck battles more often than not. It was coming together nearing the second period.

Falcons goalie Laura O'Neill was a difference maker in the early going and also contributed to the slow start, Marsden adds.

"Their goalie played wicked. She was a difference," he said.

He remembered her from last year and told his team to shoot a lot.

Hawks forward Sydney Feir, who made it a point to buzz

around the Falcons net for most of the game, slid home the first goal 1-0 when she threw it at the net with a low shot close to midway through the first period.

Falcons forward Sara Armstrong quickly responded when she struck for an equalizer 1-1 with her solo effort on a partial breakaway, using her speed a little more than a minute later.

Close to a minute left in the first, Hawks forward Kenndal Marsden answered and let go a wrist-shot from the faceoff circle that handcuffed O'Neill for the go-ahead and eventual game winner. Kenndal Marsden's skating and stick-handling put the Falcons defence on their heels through much of the game.

Despite the Hawks lead, the game's outcome didn't look certain even though the home team dominated puck possession and were easily the superior team in every facet of the game.

Just when the Hawks needed an insurance goal Hawks forward Sydney Cameron, an AA midget defenceman with the Peterborough Ice Kats, came through with a breakaway goal for 3-1 lead early in the third period. Cameron started off a slew of scoring that was followed by forward Erin Little, who was an offensive threat for the entire game and finished with four points (one goal and three assists), and then by Alicia McLean.

Marsden loved how his team performed and said this win is important in what is conceivably the last season for the girls' team.

"Making playoffs will be great. It's our last year this year."

Anything less than that will be somewhat disappointing," he said, referring to himself and the players.

He expects this to be the last season for the Hawks girls' team because goalie Connor Marsden and half the team will be graduating.

Marsden said the team has "a strong nucleus of girls. It's a team right from the goalie, defence to forwards. [There's] a team focus and as I say we're just trying to work on getting them to improve from controlling the puck, to making the good reads, to making the good passes and trying to finish off the plays as best as possible by putting it in the net."

Marsden wants to be one of four teams to advance from the seven league teams to the playoffs in the 12 game season.

"A lot depends on who shows up that night to play," he said, referring to what contributes to wins as he has learned coaching the Storm and Hawks teams.

With the quality of teams in the league, he said, the margin between winning and losing is small. Focus and execution of the game plan is key to success, he adds.

The team is assisted by Vince Duchene and managed by Chris Duchene. Hawks players Feir, McLean and Marsden all finished with two points (one goal and one assist) while Kelsey Maracle added one assist in the win. The team's next home game is today at 2 p.m. against the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints.

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HHSS boys' hockey win opener

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It was buy-in day at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre arena in Haliburton last Thursday for the Red Hawks boys' hockey game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School



SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

2015 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on **Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2015 Budget. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2014.

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Falcons.

The stands were nearly full with people, who were also standing by the glass around the ice pad for the home and season opener. It was the second game of a Haliburton hockey double-header started by the Lady Hawks one hour before.

Hawks coach Ron Yake (assisted by Bruce Griffith) was impressed by his team's effort, which was important since his team is still looking to come together as a cohesive unit.

"We've got a long way to go to get things together, but the effort level was very good and that's all you can expect at this point in the season because there's not a lot of chemistry with those guys because they haven't played together before. That'll come. That'll come," he said.

Yake thought his team had a great first period despite only being up by a goal 1-0 scored by Hawks player Joel Fedeski while short-handed. The goal was a gift, as a Falcons player deep in his own end coughed up the loose puck to an awaiting Noah Dollo, who slid a perfect pass to an open Fedeski for the goal.

Although the Falcons netminder came up with some solid saves in the first, the Hawks could not capitalize on a few scoring chances, which could have changed the complexion of the game.

"There were definitely some chances that we could have scored one or two more and that would have definitely changed the game," he said.

Special teams were important, he said, for both teams, as two of the five goals scored in the game were attributed to one short-hander and one powerplay.

He said the shorthanded goal was a catalyst.

"It got us going. It got us excited," he said.

Hawks player Noah Dollo scored the team's second marker to tie the game 2-2 just minutes after the Falcons jumped ahead with a 2-1 lead.

It almost seemed the hockey gods were watching, as the Hawks were rewarded in the third period for all their great effort in the early going with a goal that the Falcons minder will not soon forget (helped in part by the repeated chants of "goooalie" from the partisan Hawks crowd).

Despite a Hawks powerplay late in the second, the home team couldn't come up with much of any solid scoring chances, outside of a few shots taken on the perimeter.

The home team though managed to pull it out in the end with a little more than six minutes left in the third when defenceman Chris

Hall stepped into a game-winner taken from just inside the blueline that seemed to surprise the Falcons goalie, who was handcuffed by the shot.

The goal loomed large as neither team could find its rhythm late in the game.

Curtis Ballantyne, a Hawks forward, who was a stalwart on special teams for the team last year and the school's male athlete of the year, was out of the lineup with a back injury suffered in a Storm game when he was hit into the boards.

Yake is looking forward to having Ballantyne back for more than just his hockey skills.

"He loves the game of hockey. He loves to smile when he plays. It's fun to have him play. The guys will be happy to get him back playing and he'll be happy. So will the coaches," he said.

Yake said the special teams would undoubtedly improve when Ballantyne returns. However in time the entire team in general should improve, as it will get a chance to gel as a unit.

Ballantyne is expected to return to the lineup later this week.

He calls first year players, who are mainly in Grade 10 with one Grade 9 player, "good athletes." The six junior aged players are more than he's had in the past.

Since they have a strong grasp of the game, the key will be coming together as a team.

This bodes well for this year and the future, he adds.

Although the Hawks goalie Jordan Hamilton let in a shot he'd like back after missing a snapshot taken close to the faceoff dot, he settled down as the game went on. Yake was never worried and has confidence in his keeper.

"He'll be our ace in the hole as we go forward. He's got some good experience," he said.

Sharing the duties in net with Hamilton is Grade 12 Logan Churko.

Yake said with solid defence and this quality tandem, the team will be competitive in every game.

Coming in to the game, Yake told his team that if the game were closely contested it would result in a win.

"I told them last week: 'We're young together here and it's going to be hard to click and click and score four or five or six goals. I'm going to guess we're going to score three or four goals and keep the other team down.' They worked hard to do that," he said.

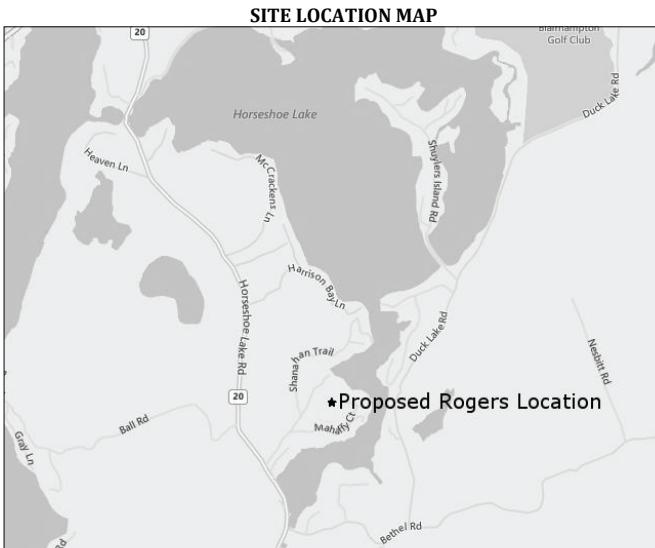
Hawks players Max MacNaull, Mac Rider and Connor Dollo each had helpers in the winning cause.

The team's next home game is this Wednesday against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre arena in Haliburton.

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Please be sure to **keep the snow back away from the roadway when clearing your driveway, entrance and mail box**. This is to avoid creating a hazard for the travelling public.

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Doug Ray
County of Haliburton Roads Department

Preparing for Christmas celebrations



The Minden Church Mouse heard ...
That a turkey never voted for an early Christmas.

God will welcome even the biggest turkey.

That we are not Dairy Queen....but we have great Sundays!

The Minden Church Mouse also heard Rev. Joan say that the Christmas season is upon us. Everywhere we see signs of the celebration that will take place on Dec. 25. The words and traditions of Christmas have different meanings for people. For Christians, Christmas celebrates the birth of our Saviour, and we prepare our hearts and minds for the gift of God's Son.

The Church celebrates the season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, as we prepare for the Holy Night. For others Christmas has a different context and meaning. Yet, regardless of people's beliefs, there is general agreement that Christmas is a time to extend goodwill and sharing, as is seen in the outpouring of giving and helping during Christmas. We reach out to the stranger, the poor, the destitute, the hurt, the sick, and the lonely during Christmas. We remember our families, our sons and daughters, cousins, relatives, friends and neighbours and extend to them the welcome, warmth, compassion, love, healing and caring of Christmas. Christmas is a time of welcome and a time of hope and healing. We welcome healing in any form and look for ways to bring hope and healing

into our lives, communities and the world, not just at Christmas but always. Christmas can be a time to reach out and offer hope and healing to others who feel the pain of rifts, hurts, indifference, separation of families, and quarrels that need to be healed.

My prayer is that all we do as individuals, and a community, at Christmas will continue through the year. Let us remember that all of us, from time to time, need help. As God sent his Son to save, help and care for us, it is through helping and caring for others that we do God's work. As we share the meaning of Christmas through our actions, let us also share the true story of Christmas by telling the story of Christ's birth and the reasons for our hope and joy. Speak the message of Christ's love through words of hope, faith, and healing to a broken world. Listen with understanding, and respond with love. Welcome the birth of the Christ child as an event that can not only renew our hope in the world, but also our hope for the present. We are all members of Christ's body, and as we gather, welcome, and worship the Christ child, let us remember that together we are richer and stronger. Let us share with others how much Christ and the Church miss them and how happy we are when they join us. I pray that a welcoming spirit will pervade our hearts and homes. A spirit that will welcome the hurting, the lonely, the poor and the estranged, so that we all become the light of Christ that shines and welcomes all.

Rev. Joan Cavanaugh, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden

Some upcoming Church Community events include:

* Friday Nov. 28, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Christmas Luncheon \$5 (Our Lady of Fatima)

* Sunday Nov. 30, 2 p.m.- A Celebration

of Memories and Hope for those experiencing Loss at Christmas (St. Paul's)

* Tuesday Dec. 2 & 16 3:30 to 5 p.m. - Kook Kids Kitchen Klub (St. Paul's)

* Saturday Dec. 6, 5 and 7 p.m.- Christmas Story Pageant - By Donation-Reserve/Refreshments Served (St. Paul's)

* Tuesday Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. - "Enviro-Café" Environment Haliburton Discussion Group -Topic "Years of Living Dangerously" (Minden United)

* Friday Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Poinsettia Luncheon - By Donation (St. Paul's)

* Sunday Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. - Concert & Carol Sing with Pauline & Friends (Minden Bible)

* Wednesday Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m. - Blue Christmas Service for the Bereaved - All are Welcome (Minden United)

* Sunday Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. - The Christmas Story (Minden Bible Church)

* Sunday Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Cantata Presented by the Joint Choirs of Minden & Zion United Followed by a "Sweet Taste of Christmas" (Minden United)

* Wednesday Dec. 24, Christmas Eve 5:00 & 9:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Mass Celebration in Minden

5 p.m. Mass Preceded by Christmas Pag-

eant (Our Lady of Fatima)

6 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (Minden Bible)

7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service (St. Paul's)

7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service (Minden United)

* Thursday Dec. 25, Christmas Day 10:30

a.m. - Christmas Day Mass in Minden - Every One is Welcome (Our Lady of Fatima)

* Sunday Dec. 28, 11:00 a.m. - Joint Pastoral Charge Sunday Service with "The Joyful Noisemakers" - Soup & Sandwich Lunch Follows (Minden United)

The contents of this monthly column in *The Minden Times* are supplied by:

* Rev. Joan Cavanaugh Clark - St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon St. - 705-286-2541

(Sunday Services/Kids' Club 10:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist)

* Pastor David Johnson - Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd. - 705-286-1338 (Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.)

* Father Peter Selvaraj - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. - 705-286-4117 (Mass Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.)

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Submitted by Don Ballantyne

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On the history of long johns

Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Wednesday November 26th - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday November 28th - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

** Please bring your Health Card and wear short sleeves if possible.

** Any patient who has had a flu shot at another facility, please advise your doctor's office. **

Here at the old farmhouse our thoughts are much with younger daughter Caitlin who on Sunday had to make one of life's most difficult decisions. Faucet, her very small, five year old Siamese cat named for her fascination with water dripping from a tap, went into extreme distress unable to breathe. As her lungs filled with fluid the efforts of the Emergency Vet Clinic were to no avail and she could not be saved. A comical character with a personality much larger than her body weight Faucet was indeed a presence to be reckoned with and will leave a void in home and heart.

Now as promised an update on why "long johns" (apparently spelled by two words) are called that. According to Wikipedia they were first introduced into England in the 17th century but did not become popular until the late 18th. Originally manufactured in Derbyshire it is believed the garment took on its name from the later 19th century heavyweight boxer John L. Sullivan who wore a similar looking garment in the ring. As to the Canadian connection an adjustable two piece design was patented by Nova Scotia's Stanfield underwear family on Dec. 7, 1915. Soon approaching its centennial anniversary during this coming federal election year, a referendum on declaring a national Long Johns holiday might be a novel idea. I can't speak for Bruce who continues to vote Presbyterian but the way this winter has started off there would be an X on my ballot for sure.

Minden Florist located at 53 Bobcaygeon Road will host a Christmas Open House this Saturday, Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There you will find a winter wonderland filled with beautiful gift items and by shopping locally support our area merchants. Bring along a non-perishable item for the local Food Bank for a chance to win a Christmas arrangement. Minden Florist is offering a second Christmas Workshop coming up on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. The pro-

ject is a Christmas table arrangement and the class cost of \$45 includes all materials. Call 705-286-4224 or drop in to register as space is limited.

Kids can do their own choosing from gifts, all new items and none over \$1, at St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. On top of the great price gift wrapping is included.

Special events along with regular programs continue at the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount. There will be a Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on Sunday, Dec. 7 starting at 11 a.m. with many vendors and a Country Raffle so bring along a friend and stay for tea/coffee and a light lunch. To check out all the happenings at the Branch visit its Facebook page or call 705-488-3462.

There is only limited time to get back on Santa's good list before he drops by Kinmount for the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 4. Come to the Railway Station yards for a 6:30 p.m. start and enjoy the warmth of the bonfire, treats and photos with Santa for the kids and a spirit of community fellowship. The tree lighting kicks off "Christmas in the Village" celebrations with a full day of events on Saturday, Dec. 6. There is a Pancake Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 11 a.m. then free Christmas crafts for the children just up the street at St. James Anglican Church from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Kinmount Farmers' Market will host its Christmas Open House in the Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. while downstairs in the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace there will be a free surprise for the children. At 2 p.m. everyone should meet at the Post Office and follow Santa up to the Legion for a free family lunch and gifts for children 10 years and under. At 7 p.m. the Galway Hall will be filled with the sound of celtic music featuring the Family Tye plus desserts and a Christmas Loonie Auction.

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together . . .

County card scores

while Phyllis Windsor and Tom Grix took the moonshots. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update.

November 18 contract bridge at Club 35: The top quartet members were Ross Fletcher 5,020, Ross Davies 4,020, our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 3,270 and Peter Gardiner 2,540 with Paul Pethick awarded the Lucky Loonie. .

November 18 contract bridge at Minden United Church: What a pleasure after five years of phone conversations to actually meet our reporter Nancy Ballantyne in person. On a month with five Sundays members of Kinmount United Church take that fifth morning to visit other area churches and this time we went to Minden United. From Nancy comes the news that Jan Heaven led the scoring at 5,510 then Betty Shuyler 3,690 and Wally Ozog 3,670. There were three Slams over the morning by Nancy and Don Ballantyne, Nancy partnered with Donna McArthur and by Jan Heaven.:

November 18 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Earning top marks were Joyce Broersma and Eleanor Lymer at 329 with Kaye Bull and Yvonne Arbuthnot next at 307. Our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Merv Elstone took third spot at 294 while the afternoon's low of 186 was posted by Bev Alexander and Andy Broersma 186.

November 18 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 239, Phyllis Windsor 207, Marcy Morgan 190 and Clare Obdam 173. First for the gents at 275 was Marcel Roussel followed by Jim Corbett 185, Kevin Maloney 163 and Dwaine Lloyd 157. The major draw winner was Bev Johnson with Ron Morrison, Marcy Morgan and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller prizes

November 21 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Doreen Francis won for high hands, Sherin Brown for low hands and Pat Bailey for both lone hands and the special prize.

November 22 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Jean Randell 251, Barb Callaghan 248, Karin Harrison 246 and Dwaine Lloyd 224. First

at 304 for the gents was Karen Chapman followed by Kevin

Maloney 254, our reporter Albert Foster 247 and Jesse Barlow 238. In the special prize department Dorothy McElwain

was the major winner with Dwaine Lloyd along with Marcel

and Pat Roussel claiming the smaller rewards while moon-

shots landed on Dwaine Lloyd, Dorothy McElwain, Theresa

Deak, Karen Chapman and Karin Harrison..

November 24 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Ellen Holden and Mabel Deacon held the most lone

hands with our interim reporter Kay Godden and Mary

Trumbull posting the high scores. Lyn Preston not only took

the afternoon's low score but also won the special prize and

had a visit with the skunk.

November 24 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kin-

mount Legion: The top scoring trio members were Rae

Dawn Shepheard 239, our reporter Rose Isaacson 237

and Ron Morrison 230. Vic

Ballik won the draw while Ida

Young [2] and Gala Newell

took the moonshots. Warmest

thoughts of support and admiration go out to Carol Murphy

at this time.

November 24 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden:

From Sherin Brown comes the news that Joan

Meadows won for both high hands

and the special prize with

Nick Boekstyn taking most

lone hands honours and

Pearl Cowen the prize for low

hands.

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WHO: All residents without a local primary healthcare provider (parents or guardians may sign for children under the age of 16, but we still need their Health Card information. Children 16 and over must sign themselves)

If you have any questions, please call Kim Robinson at 705-457-1212, extension 368.

We look forward to seeing you!

Take a shortcut in your shortbread baking



Legion br. 636

Take a shortcut to your Christmas baking this Saturday, as Minden Legion will be adding a bake table to the Christmas Arts and Crafts Sale. Members are asked to bring their baking by 9 a.m. The sale starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m., and features several vendors with a variety of Christmas crafts, art or jewelry. Wrap up those special Christmas purchases all in one spot. Admission is free, lunch available, come early for the best selection!

Minden Legion received more than 40 entries in the Remembrance Poster and Literary competitions. The judges have

completed their difficult task and selected the winning submissions. The entries are posted at the Branch on Hwy 35 near the Haliburton turnoff, but you won't be able to see the first place entries as they have advanced to the zone level to compete against students from 13 other branches in our area. All first, second and third place entries will receive certificates and monetary awards from Minden Legion. There also is a separate video Remembrance competition for students in grades 7 to 12, run by Ontario Command, not by the local branch. First place in the individual video category is \$250, and \$400 for a group video entry. For more information, go to www.on.legion.ca, under Youth.

Congratulations to Gwen Cox on receiving her 40-year pin as a Ladies Auxiliary

member. Gwen was a member of Minden's L.A. until last year when they surrendered their charter. She is now a member of the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are being sent to Minden veteran Peter Overington who is in hospital.

This is the last week in the 2015 early bird membership renewal campaign. Pay before Nov. 30 and your dues will only be \$45. Effective Dec 1, 2015 renewals will go back up to \$50. Your name will also be entered in the early bird draw for a chance to win your 2016 dues. Last year Paul Sekerak was the winner and received his membership free for 2015. You can pay at the branch by cheque, cash or debit, or mail your cheque to Branch 636, Box 238, Minden, Ont., K0M 2K0

Thank you to all our loyal patrons of the weekday lunches. When you support the Minden Legion, you are also supporting the many community organizations that meet at our branch every day: Rotary Club, Minden seniors, art club, calorie counters, Radio Club and several other non-profit groups. Our sports events - darts and cards, etc are open to the public. All this requires countless hours of volunteer work, maintenance, utilities and repairs to keep our building operating. Minden Legion members raised \$12,000 during the Poppy canvass, and we provide ongoing financial support to the Minden Food Bank. Without your support and the work of our volunteers we would not be able to continue, thank you all.

Christmas tree lighting this Sunday

Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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malfano@hotmail.ca

Items for this Sunday's free Christmas shopping table at the Christmas meet and greet dinner are desperately needed. Anything new or nearly new in good condition would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the recreation centre.

The Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Meet and Greet Dinner is this Sunday, Nov. 30. At 3:30 p.m., we'll decorate the new pavilion for Christmas (decorations and hot beverages supplied), at 4:30 p.m. saunter to the fire hall for tree lighting, a bonfire and carol singing, at 5:30 p.m. traipse to the recreation centre for social time and dinner. All are welcome!

The annual Dorset Christmas food and toy drive is taking place on Wednesday, Dec. 3 with vehicles departing Lions Camp

Dorset at 6 p.m. Routes this year include Muskoka Rd 117 to Long Line Lake Road (including Baxter and Marine Roads), Paint Lake Road to Inawendawin, Bellwood Acres Road, South Kawagama Lake Road, Kawagama Lake and Russell Landing Road to Old Mill Marina, hamlet of Dorset, County Road 12, Hwy 35 south to Asbury Lane and Shoe Lake Road and Hwy 35 north to Goose Lake.

Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you are unsure if you are on a route, please call Clint MacKay at 705-766-2249 or Barb Townes at 705-766-2108. Vehicles will be identified by four way flashing lights and as always, Santa will be traveling along!

Contributions may also be left at the township office in Dorset (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Dorset Tim-Br Mart, Robinson's General Store and Tower Hill Marine.

The food and toy drive is co-sponsored by the Friends of Dorset and the Dorset Lions

Club for the Salvation Army.

Nutritionally the best items to donate are peanut butter, canned fish, whole grain rice, pasta and cereals, canned fruit, vegetables, stews, soups and chili, fruit and vegetable juice. Items such as toilet paper, diapers, pet food and cleaning supplies are also appreciated.

Birthday wishes for November 23 to 29 go out to Leslye Davidson, Alina Moon, Farrah Dukoff, Mike Baum and Matthew Woods. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at my home number, 705-766-0076.

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Step 1: Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 457-6901

Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton County. Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 15th. Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

This is the 19th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 19th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

Call 705-457-6901 and book your gift pick up date early!
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As of November 20th, The Believe In the Magic of Giving campaign has raised **\$5,995** for the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre.

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highland storm hockey

Girls win close one against Comets

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls hosted the Cold Creek Comets on Sunday, Nov. 23 in Minden trying to build on their season's efforts to date and keep their undefeated at home streak alive. The girls started the game a little sluggish, and the Comets challenged the Storm girls with an aggressive attack from the opening face-off. After a scoreless first period, Erin Little finished off a passing play from Sydney Feir to open the scoring early in the second period. Cold Creek never gave up and tied the game on a goal mouth scramble midway through the second period. Continued pressure by the Comets put them ahead 2-1 late in the second period off a face off attack. The Storm girls rallied in the third period with Kennndal Marsden slipping a snap shot past the Comet tender early in the third to tie the game up at 2-2. Digging in with a gutsy third period push, Erin Little scored (the eventual game winner) midway through the third period finishing off a nice rush with a deke to put the Storm up 3-2. Great come from behind win girls! But get ready girls for a huge weekend challenge for first place as we travel to Keene and Cold Creek for a double-centre two-game road trip this Saturday, Nov. 29 and then host the first place Peterborough Ice Kats in Haliburton on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Novices host home tournament

The Canadian Tire Novices hosted their home tournament this weekend with eight teams entered. It was a great weekend for the Novices and was packed with excitement. They started off the day with an 8 a.m. game where they battled hard but ended up with a 4-0 loss to the Centre Hasting Grizzlies. There second game of the day had them facing Centre Wellington, Storm came out strong and walked away with an 7-0 win putting them back into the running for the finals on Sunday. The third game of the day was against Georgina Blaze. It was a battle and both teams were determined that they were going to win, but Storm came out on top with a 4-2 win.

With the first day of games out of the way the Canadian Tire Novices had to wait to see where they placed overall and who they would be playing in the finals on Sunday. As the games for Saturday all finished Storm was able to see that they would be playing for the B Finals on Sunday against Sturgeon Lake. Storm came out on fire scoring two quick goals to put them in the lead. But Sturgeon wasn't giving up they battled hard back and ended up getting two goals as well to tie the game up. With the score tied

at two a piece each team knew that they had to get another one. Sturgeon outsmarted the Storm and managed to squeak another one past our goalie. Down by one goal with only a few minutes left had Storm looking for a chance to put the puck in the net to keep them in the game. Sure enough we did it and with barely any time to spare. With a split score of three a piece they ended the third period and sent themselves into overtime. It was going to take some pretty quick thinking to make sure that the Storm finished the game off as quickly as possible. The over time period started with just three-on-three and Storm had the first shot on goal that was stopped by the goalie and turned the play back towards Storms end. The kids battled hard and after a few quick changes to give the kids some fresh legs and a bit of a drink of water Storm grabbed the puck in the open center zone skated down the ice and finished the game off with a shot to the top corner.

Congratulations to all of the Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novices for their hard work this weekend and coming out the B Champs.

The Canadian Tire Novices next home game is on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 11 a.m. against the Huntsville Otters in Haliburton. Then Travel to Parry Sound to play a double header.

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

Atom A team takes on Otters

The story this weekend was the RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm roster. A double header weekend with a game Saturday in Minden and Sunday in Huntsville, both games vs the Huntsville Otters. We started the home game with nine players versus their three-line rotation. Upton was out with the flu, we went into this one with only three defencemen. The Storm killed off a two man disadvantage early but Huntsville jumped out to a 2-0 lead. In the second, Phippen went into the boards hard and hit his head. After getting up slowly, the coaches decided it best if he sat for the remainder of the game, and we were down to eight. In the third, Glecoff carried it the length of the ice, and lost the puck at the hash marks. Robinson picked it up for a shot that went in off Glecoff for the goal and broke the Otters shut out. Storm 1, Otters 2.

When we got to Huntsville Sunday, we were down two defencemen. Upton and Smith, both out with ailments, but Phippen was cleared by doctors to play. Hutchinson dropped back to defence and with his big shot from the point, took the Storm to an early 1-0 lead. Huntsville scored, and a great second effort by Phippen to jump on a loose puck in front of the net, regained the lead 2-1. Another big shot point from Hutchinson made it 3-1. But the three full lines of Huntsville wore down the eight-man Storm. With only three reserves on the Storm bench, we were over

whelmed, and eventually fell 8-3.
Submitted by Jason Glecoff

Disappointment for the Highland Storm Bantam A

The Storm attended the Tim Greavette Memorial tournament in Bracebridge this past weekend and ended third in their division. Although the Storm lost their first game 4-3 in overtime, they won the next 2 games, 4-2 and 2-1, but it was not enough to make it to the finals. It began on Friday against the Calendonia Thunder. The Storm took a 2-0 lead in the game with goals by Devyn Prentice and Ben Schmidt but the Thunder quickly tied it up. Late in the third period, the Storm got the go-ahead goal by Lucas Haedicke, but yet again, they tied it. It was an unlucky 4-3 loss for the storm when the Thunder scored in OT.

Next day, the Storm met with the Shallow Lake Lakers. It began with a goal by Cooper, seconds later, they tied it up. Late in the first period, on a power play, Cooper deflected a shot from Garbutt, making it 2-1. It became a tied game once more while the Storm was killing off a penalty. Patterson-Smith started the rush, made the shot, Manning was there for the rebound goal, making it 3-2. Next was some action around the net, the puck found Flood's stick for the last goal. Storm held the Lakers back and killed off penalties the rest of the game.

The Storm won the next game 2-1 against the Lincoln Blades. It was a game full of penalties and power plays. First goal came late in the second by Flood. With minutes left in the third, short-handed, Cooper intercepted a pass, shot from behind the net, it deflected in for a goal, making it 2-1, and that's where it all ended.

Come out and cheer on the Highland Storm Bantam A team this Friday at 7 p.m. in Minden when they take on the Oro Thunder.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry
Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Tykes travel to Sunderland

The Tom Prentice and Sons Tyke team travelled to Sunderland to face off against the Brock Wild Tyke on Sunday, Nov. 23. Once again, Brock put our team to the test with a hard fought battle. Highland Storm came out on top with a win of 8-7!

Hard work, great passes, breakaways, assists, defence and awesome goal tending kept this Storm team on their winning streak. Game goals go to Kadin Card, Josh Scheffee, Cheyenne Degeer x 2, and Ty Rupnow with a hat trick. Great job team! Keep up the good work! Next face off is in Apsley on Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. and in Minden at 3 p.m.

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

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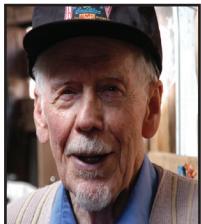


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*In Loving Memory of***Francis (Frank) Wayne Chambers***February 22, 1919 – November 21, 2014*

Francis (Frank) Wayne Chambers passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 95 on November 21, 2014 at Extendicare in Haliburton Village. Dear father to Bob (Heather), Marie (Chris) and David (Ruth-Anne). Loving grandpa to Sean, Meghan (Paul), Laura, Clayton, Cody, Charlotte, Caroline and Daniel and delighted great-grandpa to little Evelyn.

Frank was born on the family farm south of Carnarvon to James and Sylvia (nee Sisson) Chambers and was dear brother to Lyla, Jean, Murray, Bill, Jamie and Margaret. He married Audrey Irvine and they raised Bob, Marie and David in their home on Twelve Mile Lake. Frank was a member of Zion United Church in Carnarvon and the Arcadia Masonic Lodge in Minden and was well respected by all who knew him. He will be missed and fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews and friends.

Although he worked at Motorola in Toronto for many years, and in his retirement enjoyed travelling, Frank treasured living in the Haliburton Highlands and the beauty and peace he experienced here, especially at his home on Chambers Road and his hunting camp on Clear Lake. His family is grateful for the wonderfully long, full life Frank enjoyed and the steadfast presence he was in their lives – never missing a family gathering, always eager to tackle a new project or adventure and inspiring us with his sharp mind, tenacity and fierce independence. Frank's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bottum, the staff of William Place Retirement Home in Lindsay and the staff of Extendicare in Haliburton for their kindness and compassion in caring for Frank these past months and for their support throughout this time.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday, November 27, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Frank's life in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Frank's family will hold a celebration of his life early next summer at Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church. In lieu of flowers Frank may kindly be remembered through a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church.

www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com*In Loving Memory of***Betty Anne Punt (nee Poyner)***Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the age of 75.*

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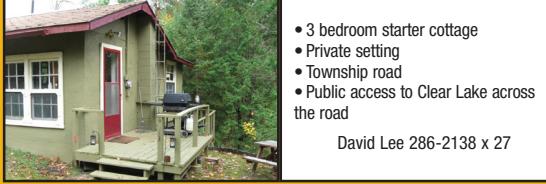
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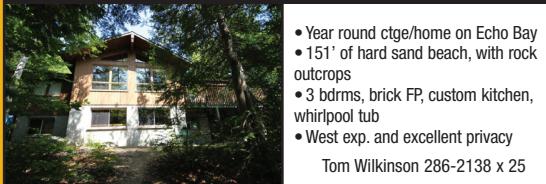
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- Level lot, south facing sandy shoreline
- Close to Haliburton Village

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- 29+ acres near Koshlong Lake
- Abuts road allowance to lake
- Part commercial zoning
- Year round access

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